



## **Haggerty Preschool Winter 2015 Newsletter**

December and January have been filled with lots of learning fun and learning. We welcomed our new friend Luna and said good-bye to our friend Kuvam. We also had a special visit from the Tufts Traveling Treasure Trunk who came to Haggerty Preschool to perform a series of short stories. We had a wonderful time!



Our main curriculum focus has been community helpers! We started our unit off with a visit from Officer Christine from the Cambridge Police Department. During our visit we had a chance to try on her uniform hat, see some of her tools and touch her heavy police vest. Through our visit with Officer Christine we learned about the job of a police officer and how they work very hard to keep our community safe. We look forward to seeing Officer Christine again when we visit the police station in the spring!



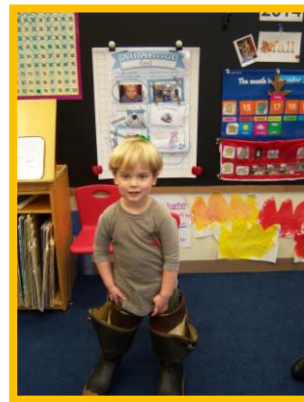
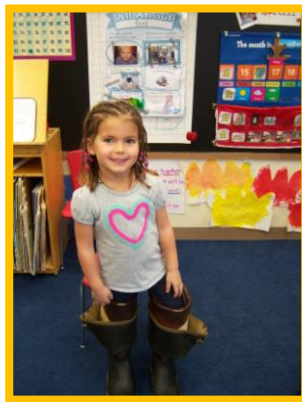
We also had a special visit from our school crossing guard Miss Phoebe. On this special day, Miss Phoebe spoke to us about street crossing safety and the importance of using the cross walk when you need to cross the street. She

showed us her uniform and her reflective jacket as well as some of the hand gestures she uses to show people when it is safe to cross the street. We even make our own stop signs to show her we know that we need to STOP and wait for an adult to help us cross the street!



After our visits with Officer Christine and Miss Phoebe we spent some time learning about firefighters! Miss Erin brought in some real fire boots and those who wanted to had a chance to try them on! We are looking forward to our firehouse visit this Spring!





During our firefighter unit we learned that the gear firefighters wear is called turnout gear. We also learned about the important task of "STOP DROP and ROLL" and practiced that drill along with our own fire drill to make sure that we knew how to stay safe in the event of a fire.



Stop



Drop



Roll





**STOP**



**DROP**



**ROLL**

On January 8<sup>th</sup> Owen's dad Dr. Price came to school to teach us about the job of a doctor. On this day we learned about the importance of going to the doctor even when you are well and got a chance to see some very fun doctor tools. The first tool we explored was a stethoscope. Friends got a chance to use this tool to hear their own heart beat! Later we learned about another tool called a reflex hammer which is used to check your reflexes in your leg. We learned that when using this tool it is very important to put your finger on the patient's knee and gently tap the patient's finger not their knee! The third tool we learned about is called an Otoscope which is the tool doctors use to check your ears. Lastly we all had a chance to use a tuning fork which is used to help check both hearing and vibration levels in patients.



Micah is hearing his own heartbeat using a stethoscope



Owen is checking his dad's ears using an otoscope



Abigail is using a tuning fork to feel vibration

We wrapped up our doctors unit by making our very own doctor's headbands and doctors bags!





## Special Day's

We have had so much fun celebrating everyone's special day and we cannot wait to celebrate some more! Thank you to Reed, Sasha, Owen and Paxton and their families for all of the fun!

### Sasha's Special Day

On Sasha's special she brought her mom and dad to school with her. Ted, Sasha's dad read to us 2 of Sasha's favorite books; Waiting is Not Easy By Mo Williams and Linus The Vegetarian T. Rex by Robert Neubecker. After story time we enjoyed one of Sasha's favorite snacks; Kiwi and Orange Sea Creatures!





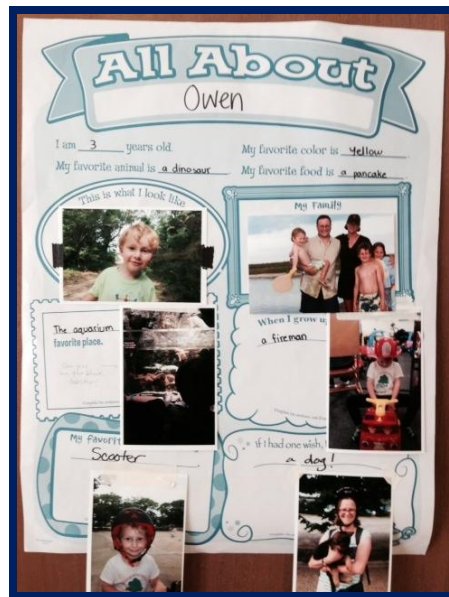
### Reed's Special Day

On December 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Reed's Special Day. At snack we all had a great time making our own "pretzel men" using ritz crackers, pretzels, cream cheese and raisins. After snack we read one of reed's favorite dinosaur books and after story time we used green play dough to make our own dinosaur jaw!



## Owen's Special Day

On January 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Owen's special day. On this day Owen brought his mom, dad, sister Abigail and brother Oliver to school with him. Owen's dad talked about his job as a doctor and Owen shared his "all about me" poster with his friends and teachers.





### Paxton's Special Day

On January 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Paxton's special day. On this day Paxton brought his favorite fruit watermelon for everyone to have at snack time. After snack Paxton's mom and baby sister came to school. Paxton shared with us his snowboard, showed us how to use his snowboard and even let us all try his indoor practice snow board!





**February 6<sup>th</sup> - Abigail's Special Day**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> – Friendship Day!**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL – President's Day**

**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Chinese New Year**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> – Nutrition Class with Miss Roseanne**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – Dentist Visit**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – Green Day**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> – Matthew's Special Day**